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ROADWATCH: Week of April 17 – 23

VDOT joins transportation departments and other agencies across the nation to acknowledge National Work Zone Awareness Week, April 19-23. Roughly 1,100 men, women and children are killed in work zone crashes each year. Remember that “Work Zones Need Your Undivided Attention.”

The following is a list of highway projects that may affect traffic in the 12-county Salem Transportation District during the next week. Work schedules are always subject to change. New information is noted by "###". VDOT encourages motorists to call 511 or visit www.511Virginia.org for real-time traffic information.

INTERSTATE 81

* **INTERSTATE 81 SPOT PAVING** – Weather permitting, nighttime lane closures will be in place on weeknights due to spot paving at locations on I-81 between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Watch for lane closures on southbound I-81 at mile markers 160.2, 168.5, and 169.

* **INTERSTATE 81 POTHOLE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, mobile lane closures may be in place on northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in the Roanoke and New River valleys. Drivers should watch for slow moving traffic and possible lane closures during daylight hours in Botetourt, Roanoke, Montgomery and Pulaski counties.

* **INTERSTATE 81 LIGHTING REPAIRS** – During nighttime hours, crews will work on lights above northbound and southbound I-81 between mile markers 118 and 119 in Montgomery County. Drivers should expect possible shoulder closures on weeknights.

* **INTERSTATE 81 SHOULDER/DRAINAGE WORK** – Weather permitting, work on shoulders or drainage along I-81 shoulder closures at mile marker 105 and mile marker 109 in Montgomery County during daylight hours. Also work may be performed on northbound and southbound I-81 between mile markers 130 and 147 in Roanoke County.

* **INTERSTATE 81 BRIDGE INSPECTION** – Weather permitting, the northbound and southbound bridges over the New River and Route 605 will be inspected. The bridges are located near Radford. The southbound bridge will be inspected on Sunday, April 18 and the northbound bridge will be inspected on Monday, April 19. Lane closures will be in placed between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. each night.

* **INTERSTATE 81 OVERHEAD SIGN INSPECTION** – Weather permitting, on Thursday, April 22, the overhead signs at exit 143 will be inspected. The inspection will cause lane closures on northbound and southbound I-81 during nighttime hours between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

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ROANOKE

*** I-581/ROUTE 220 EXPRESSWAY POTHOLE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, mobile lane closures may be in place on northbound and southbound I-581/Route 220 Expressway in Roanoke. Drivers should watch for slow moving traffic and possible lane closures during both daylight and nighttime hours.

* INTERSTATE 581 BRIDGE OVER ORANGE AVENUE – Weather permitting, on Tuesday, April 20, the I-581 bridge over Orange Avenue will be inspected. The bridge is located in Roanoke. The inspection will cause various lane closures beneath the bridge on eastbound and westbound Orange Avenue between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. the following morning.

* INTERSTATE 581 OVERHEAD SIGN INSPECTION – Weather permitting, on Wednesday, April 21, the overhead signs on I-581 at exits 2 and 3 will be inspected. The inspection will cause lane closures on northbound and southbound I-581 during nighttime hours between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

ROANOKE COUNTY

*** POTHOLE PATCHING (VARIOUS SECONDARY ROADS)** – Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pothole patching on various secondary roads throughout Roanoke County. Work is scheduled on Route 654 (Feather Road) between Route 24 and Hardy Road. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays.

*** ROUTE 220 CURB AND SHOULDER REPAIR** – Work is underway on shoulders along northbound Route 220 between Route 674 (Clearbrook Lane) and Route 789 (Old Rocky Mount Road). Shoulder closures may be in place during daylight hours between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

*** ROUTE 221 PAVING** – Work to pave and install utility pipes along Route 221 at the corner of Colonial Avenue may cause shoulder and lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays.

* ROUTE 311 SHOULDER WORK – Weather permitting, work to repair shoulders may cause shoulder and lane closures on Route 311 between Route 419 and the Craig County line. Work may be performed on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

*** COLONIAL AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS** – Work is under way to improve the 0.5-mile section of Colonial Avenue starting just west Route 687 (Penn Forest Boulevard) and extending to Route 419. Periodic lane closures may be in place at times in the work zone. Estimated completion is August 2010.

*** ROUTE 623 SHOULDER CLOSURE** – Weather permitting, the shoulder will be closed along Route 623 (Dent Road) between Airport Road and Route 822 (Pendleton Avenue) during daylight hours between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

*** UTILITY WORK (VARIOUS ROADS)** – Weather permitting, utility work will cause lane closures at locations on Route 1315 (Bridle Lane), Route 1673 (Sunnyside Drive) and Route 613 (Merriman Road). Work may impact traffic during daylight hours on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

*** ROUTE 1034 CUL-DE-SAC INSTALLATION** - Weather permitting, crews will be installing a cul-de-sac at the end of Route 1034 (Chest Mountain Road). Drivers should watch for crews working in the right of way.

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BEDFORD COUNTY

* **ROUTE 501 SLIDE REPAIRS** – Flaggers will control traffic on Route 501 between its intersections with Route 672 (Knight Road) and Route 612 (Gruggett Hollow Road). Work will be performed during daylight hours on weekdays. Drivers should expect possible delays.

* **POTHOLE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, mobile lane closures may be in place on several primary roads in Bedford County due to pothole patching. Drivers should watch for slow moving traffic and possible lane closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays on various roads during daylight hours. Pavement patching is also scheduled on Route 616 (Sandy Level Road) and Route 749 (Meadow Spur Road).

* **ROUTE 644 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Work is under way to replace the bridge on Route 644 over Elk Creek. Work will include removing the existing one lane bridge and replacing it with a two lane bridge at a new location. Motorist should watch for temporary lane closures and flaggers at various times. Estimated completion is July 2011.

* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE** – Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

* **BRUSH CUTTING (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Weather permitting, crews will cut brush along various routes. Watch for workers and equipment along the shoulders and possible lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays on Route 755 (Nemo Road) and Route 630 (Carters Mill Road).

* **SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, crews will work on shoulders along various secondary roads. Watch for signs and possible lane closures on weekdays during daylight hours.

BOTETOURT COUNTY

* **ROUTE 220 PAVING AND GUARDRAIL WORK** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place at various lane locations on northbound and southbound Route 220 between Fincastle and Iron Gate. Work will be performed during daylight hours beginning at 7 a.m., Monday through Friday. Estimated completion is in August.

* **ROUTE 11 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, the Route 11 bridge over the James River will be patched. The bridge is located near Buchanan. Work may cause lane closures on northbound and southbound Route 11, Monday through Friday, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

* **POTHOLE PATCHING (VARIOUS SECONDARY ROADS)** – Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pothole patching on various secondary roads throughout Botetourt County. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays.

* **SWEEPING (VARIOUS SECONDARY ROADS)** – Crews may sweep roads on various subdivision streets during daylight hours. Watch for signs and use caution.

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* **ROUTE 220 SHOULDER REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, crews will be making shoulder repairs along Route 220 (Roanoke Road at the entrance to Orchard Market Place. Drivers should watch for shoulder closures on weekdays during daylight hours.

* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE** – Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

CARROLL COUNTY

* **INTERSTATE 77 POTHOLE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews will be patching potholes on I-77. Mobile lane closures may be in place during both daytime and nighttime hours. Drivers should use caution and expect possible delays.

* **ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BRIDGE WORK** – As part of the current Hillsville Bypass construction project, a change in traffic pattern is in place on Route 58 in Hillsville. The eastbound Route 58 bridge over Little Reed Island Creek is closed for reconstruction. The bridge is located near Gardner Mill Road between the west limits of Hillsville and Interstate 77. The bridge is being widened, and the riding surface replaced. Route 58 traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction and shifted into the westbound lanes for about 0.8 mile, and the speed limit is reduced to 35 mph.

* **ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BYPASS CONSTRUCTION** – Drivers on Route 58, Route 52, Route 703 (Gardner's Mill Road) and Route 780 (Howlett Street) can expect periodic lane closures with flaggers directing traffic between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on weekdays. The speed limit on Route 52 is reduced to 25 mph starting 0.1 mile south of Archa Street (Route 1007) in Hillsville and extending to 0.5 mile north of the Hillsville town limits in Carroll County. Drivers should watch for new traffic patterns around the Route 58 and Gardner's Mill Road intersection. The speed limit on Route 58 starting 0.7 mile west of Gardner's Mill Road is reduced to 35 mph. The speed limit on Route 58 (Danville Pike) west of Hillsville between Route 669 (Spring Hollow Road) and Route 670 (Snake Creek Road) is reduced to 45 mph. The speed limit on Route 58 on the east end of the project is reduced to 35 mph from just west of Route 699 (Spring Hollow Road) to Route 666 (Merrimack Road). Drivers should expect possible delays.

CRAIG COUNTY

* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE** – Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

FLOYD COUNTY

* **ROUTE 221 BRUSH CUTTING** – Weather permitting, crews will cut brush on Route 221 between Route 8 and Roanoke County line. Flaggers will control traffic at times during daylight hours. Expect possible delays.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, watch for flaggers due to pavement patching during daylight hours on these routes: Route 624, Route 649, Route 676, Route 717, Route 730 and Route 739.

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FRANKLIN COUNTY

* **ROUTE 40 PATCHING** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place on Route 40 due pavement patching. Drivers should watch for slow moving traffic, flaggers and possible lane closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays.

* **ROUTE 122 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is under way to patch the Route 122 Halesford bridge over the Roanoke River. Crews may be working Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Flaggers will control traffic at times.

* **ROUTE 635 PIPE REPAIR** – Flaggers may direct traffic on Route 635 (Mount Airy Road) during daylight hours on weekdays due to work to repair a pipe.

* **ROUTE 668 PAVING** – Weather permitting, crews may pave on Route 668 (Lovely Valley Road). Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays.

* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE** – Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Work will be performed on the following roads:

- Route 766 (Beech Mountain Road)
- Route 811 (Frying Pan Hollow)
- Route 865 (Timberline Road)

GILES COUNTY

* **ROUTE 460 SHOULDER WORK** – The right lane of eastbound Route 460 is closed near Route 641 (Clendennin Road). Crews will be performing shoulder stabilization work in this area. The right lane of eastbound Route 460 will remain closed until late April. Motorists are advised to use caution in the area.

* **ROUTE 460 DEBRIS REMOVAL/ SHOULDER WORK** – Work on westbound Route 460 may cause lane closures during daytime hours. Watch for signs and use caution.

* **ROUTE 635 BRIDGE REPAIRS** – Crews have begun repairs on the bridge over Stoney Creek. The bridge is located about 0.5 mile north of Kimbleton Lime Plant. Crews will be working Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Traffic will be reduced to one lane across the bridge and controlled by signals. Estimated completion is July 2010.

* **POTHOLE PATCHING (VARIOUS SECONDARY ROADS)** – Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pothole patching on various secondary roads throughout Giles County. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays.

* **FLOOD DAMAGE REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, crews will continue to repair damaged roads or bridges. Work will include cleaning out drainage pipes, ditch and slope repairs and bridge inspections. Watch for flaggers that may control traffic on various roads.

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HENRY COUNTY

* **ROUTE 220 BUSINESS PAVING** – Weather permitting, starting Monday, April 19, nighttime lane closures may be in place for paving on northbound and southbound Route 220 Business starting at its intersection with Route 58 and extending 3.4 miles to just south of Martinsville Speedway. This section of Route 220 Business is located south of Martinsville near the Cloverleaf shopping center. Paving will be performed during nighttime hours, Monday through Friday, from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. until completed. Motorists should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

* **ROUTE 58 BUSINESS PAVING** – Weather permitting, placing shoulder stone along the newly paved portion of eastbound Route 58 Business between Martinsville and the bridge over Leatherwood Creek may cause lane closures. Work may be performed Monday through Thursday, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Drivers should use caution and expect delays.

* **ROUTE 220 MEDIAN INSTALLATION** – Weather permitting, work to install a concrete median on Route 220 at the Dyer Street intersection near Bassett Forks may cause lane closures on northbound and southbound Route 220. Lane closures may be in place Monday through Thursday between 7 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

* **POTHOLE PATCHING (VARIOUS SECONDARY ROADS)** – Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pothole patching on various secondary roads throughout Henry County. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays.

* **ROUTE 220 BUSINESS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Work to replace the Route 220 Business bridge over the railroad tracks is underway. The bridge is located near the Route 87 intersection in Ridgeway. Route 220 Business is closed from Route 639 to Mica Road. In addition, Route 639 beneath the bridge will be closed daily as needed during daylight hours and reopened by 5:30 p.m. each evening. Motorists should seek alternate routes around the closure.

* **ROUTE 701 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – The Route 701 (Field Avenue) bridge over the Smith River is closed to traffic. The old, iron bridge is located in Fieldale between Route 57 and Route 682 (River Road). The bridge is closed, so it can be demolished and replaced. Traffic is being detoured between Route 701 and Route 57 onto Route 682 and Route 609. To improve traffic flow and reduce congestion, the traffic pattern on the detour route at the intersection of Route 609 (South Daniels Creek Road) and Route 682 has been changed. Traffic on Route 609 is no longer required to stop at its intersection with Route 682. Instead, new stop signs have been installed requiring Route 682 traffic to stop at this intersection. This week, flagging operations will be utilized on Route 57 adjacent to the old bridge on either side of the railroad tracks. Estimated completion is November 2010.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

* **ROUTE 114 DITCHING** – Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to ditching on Route 114 (Peppers Ferry Road).

* **ROUTE 460 BYPASS LIGHTING REPAIR** – During nighttime hours, crews will work on lights above the Route 460 Bypass. Drivers should expect possible nighttime lane closures on weeknights on eastbound and westbound Route 460 Bypass.

* **ROUTE 460 DRAINAGE REPAIRS** – Work to repair drainage structures may cause shoulder closures on the Route 460 Bypass in the New River Valley. Work may be performed during daylight hours and cause shoulder closures.

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*** ROUTE 114 WIDENING** – Work continues to widen a section of Route 114 (Peppers Ferry Road) in Christiansburg. The section of Route 114 extends between Stafford Street and Chrisman Mill Road near New River Valley Mall. Work will include widening Route 114 from two lanes to five, with two through lanes in each direction and a center turn lane. Shoulder closures are in place. Flaggers may direct traffic during daylight hours. Drivers should watch for new traffic patterns in this work zone.

* ROUTE 785 SPOT PAVING – Weather permitting, flaggers may control traffic on Route 785 (Catawba Road) due to spot paving at various locations during daylight hours. Work may be performed Monday through Friday. Expect delays.

* POTHOLE PATCHING (VARIOUS SECONDARY ROADS) – Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pothole patching on various secondary roads throughout Montgomery County. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays. Work is planned on Route 600 and Route 675 in the Riner area.

* UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE – Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures during daylight hours. Work is planned on Route 609, Route 728, Route 717 and Route 675.

PATRICK COUNTY

* ROUTE 686 PIPE REPLACEMENT – Beginning Tuesday, April 20, Route 686 (Tudor Orchard Road) will be closed to through traffic between Route 694 (Providence Drive) and Route 690 (Taylor View Drive) due to a pipe replacement. Route 686 is expected to be closed to through traffic through Friday, April 23. During this time, signs will be in place to direct traffic.

*** POTHOLE PATCHING (VARIOUS SECONDARY ROADS)** – Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pothole patching on various secondary roads throughout Patrick County. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays.

*** ROUTE 8 CONNECTOR / RYE COVE STREET CLOSURE** – As part of the Route 8 connector construction, a section of Rye Cove Street will be reconfigured and will no longer be a through road. Rye Cove Street (T-1006) between Buena Vista Avenue and Rucker Street in Stuart is permanently closed to through traffic.

PULASKI COUNTY

* ROUTE 11 AND ROUTE 100 SHOULDER WORK – Shoulder work will cause mobile lane closures on Route 100 and Route 11 in Pulaski County. Work will be performed on weekdays during daylight hours.

*** POTHOLE PATCHING (VARIOUS SECONDARY ROADS)** – Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pothole patching on various secondary roads throughout Pulaski County. Watch for signs and expect possible delays.

*** ROUTE 639 BRUSH CUTTING** – Flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight hours on Route 639 due to brush cutting. Watch for signs and expect possible delays.

*** ROUTE 764 PIPE INSTALLATION** – Drivers should watch for flaggers controlling traffic on Route 764 due to a pipe installation. Watch for signs and expect possible delays.

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